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In re application of:

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**Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board
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Sir:

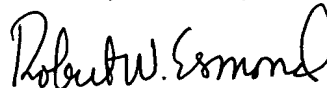
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated October 25, 2004, in which claims 26, 33, 117-125, 137-147 and 149-161 were finally or twice rejected.

The fee (for a large entity) for filing a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1)), along with any necessary extension fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)), is provided in the attached PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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